



## **Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 2**

**Meeting Date:** Wednesday April 30, 2008, CST

**Meeting Location:** Wheatfield Town Hall, Wheatfield, IN.,

**Council Members Present:** Terrance Ciboch, Claudia Clark, Ron Fisher, Judge Mary Harper, Larry Harris, Ellen Michelin, Judge John Potter, Judge Michael Shurn, Melissa Johnson

**Council Members Absent:**

**Others In Attendance:** Sharon Mathew, Louella Richey, Deb Johnson, (Lifeline), N. Koesyke, (Lifeline), Debi Sibray, (White's Residential and Family Services), Jacqueline Agee, (White's Residential and Family Services), Magistrate Ed Nemeth, (Porter Juvenile Court), Jim Burns, (Family Focus), Jill Whitaker, (Dunebrook), Jim Shively

<b>Meeting Minutes</b>
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**Meeting Called to Order at:** Regional Service Council meeting was called to order by Reba James, Regional Manager for Region #2 at 5:30 P.M., (CST).

1. It was noted that 9 Council members were present when the meeting was called to order, enough to constitute a quorum. We welcome Judge John Potter from Jasper County to the Council as a sitting/voting member. As Judge Potter assumes duties as a voting member of this Council, from Jasper County, we will remove Sharon Mathew Director of Jasper County as being a voting member and have Ron Fisher assume duties as a voting member from Newton County as we have no Judge from Newton County sitting on this Council at this time.

2. January minutes – Larry Harris made a motion to accept the January minutes as written and seconded by Judge Mary Harper. Vote taken, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, minutes passed.

3. Judges Membership- Judge Mary Harper explained to the Council that a survey had been done in Region #2 which involved all of the sitting Judges at this time. All six Judges were in agreement that Judge Mary Harper from Porter County,

Judge John Potter from Jasper County, and Judge Michael Shurn from Pulaski County would represent the region at the Regional Service Council Meetings. We lost foster parent Gina Reiss from Starke County due to other obligations, however, we have gained a new foster parent from Jasper County, Christy Turbitt and we welcome her to the Regional Service Council. All changes were approved to take effect immediately.

4. IV-B Proposals – Jim Shively passed out to the Council a Region #2 Proposed Services in Service Order document. Basically what this document represents is the County Directors recommendations on services that are to be provided to our six counties in Region #2. The concept is that we can use any provider that has a contract. Judge Potter made a motion to approve the list of Service Order as presented. Larry Harris seconded this motion. No further discussion, vote taken, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention. Motion passed.

5. Practice Model –We are almost done with the hiring of the 1400 new Caseworkers. Teaming and engaging training is completed. Assessment training is on hold but will resume soon. We are pushing to get facilitators trained which needs to be completed by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Training will also be available regionally for all of our legal community. Judges felt we should postpone any training until toward the end of the year as they believed attorneys would be more likely to attend at that time due to the need to obtain their last minute credits. Reba James will work on getting a training set up for the region.

6. Community Partners – Jill Whitaker from Dunebrook, presented an updated quarterly report to the Council. There were marketing materials that were handed out that would introduce/encourage families to participate in the Community Partners programs. She also provided information regarding regional participation in the program.

7. House Bill 1001- This bill calls for changes in the Service Council. We will need more information to fully understand the changes and the Council will be kept informed.

8. Members Comments – There were no comments.

9. Community Comments – Jim Burns had a few questions for the Council. Question – How do providers know if they are on the Proposed Services in Service Order list? Answer - this is now a public document and information will be provided as the contract goes through. Question - Is Community Partners also on that list? Answer - Yes, Community Partners is also included on that list. Question - The funding (CWS \$) that was voted upon in November, how is that

funding being tracked? Answer - This special funding is to be billed out in Unit Rates.

10. Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 6:26 p.m. CST.

**Next meeting scheduled at Wheatfield Town Hall, in Wheatfield IN., on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. CST.**